

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tile cutter comprising:

a base stand,
a protruding rib disposed on said base stand,
guide rails installed so as to be in a bridge[[-like]] configuration above said protruding rib,

an operating lever provided on said guide rails so as to be movable while being guided by said guide rails, and

a rotary blade and a pressing member installed on a base portion of said operating lever, said rotary blade for forming a cut in a surface of a tile that is placed on said base stand, and said pressing member for pressing said tile surface on both sides of said cut so as to press and split said tile when the operating lever is pushed downward, wherein

said pressing member is comprised of a pair of pressing plates which are connected to each other by a C-shaped connecting element with a hollow space [[in]] between said pair of pressing plates, said pressing member is swingalby swingably provided on said base portion of said operating lever [[near]] adjacent a blade supporting shaft of said rotary blade, and a part of said base portion of said operating lever and said rotary blade enter into said hollow space when said operating lever is raised such that said pressing member takes a hanging attitude.

Claim 2 (original). The tile cutter according to Claim 1, wherein a pressing member supporting shaft that supports said pressing member on said base portion of said operating lever is provided above and slightly rearward said blade supporting shaft that supports said rotary blade.